

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 36 through page 37, paragraph [0088]:

Fig. 5 is a view showing an example of correlation between time (start-up time) on an abscissa axis and a detected reformer temperature (KSN), a detected combustion temperature (TFN), and a detected combustion flame current (FRN) on a ordinate axis, in which the start-up time represents a time period that elapses from when the hydrogen generator starts the start-up operation ( $t_0$ ), the detected reformer temperature (KSN) is output from the reformer temperature sensor, the detected combustion temperature (TFN) is output from the temperature sensor used as the combustion sensor, and the detected combustion flame current (FRN) is output from the flame current sensor used as the combustion sensor. Fig. 5 shows the detected combustion temperature (TFN) output from the combustion sensor 207 and the detected combustion flame current (FRN) output from the combustion sensor 207 for a case where the water or the steam is supplied suitably excessively from the first and second water supply means 108 and 109 to the interior of the reformer 100 and to the interior of the shift converter 102 of the hydrogen generator 118 and the water or the steam exists excessively in the interior of the hydrogen generator 118.

Page 38, paragraph [0091]:

To be specific, the excess water is sent to the burner of the reformer heater 102 as the steam during a time period from a time ( $t_1$   $t_2$ ) when the temperature of the shift reaction catalyst body 104 reaches the set value in the reaction temperature range of the shift reaction catalyst body 104 until a time ( $t_2$   $t_3$ ) when the temperature of the CO selective oxidation catalyst body 106 reaches the set value in the reaction temperature range of the CO selective oxidation catalyst body 106. This causes the steam in the burner of the reformer heater 102 to become excess. As a result, the combustion state of the combustible gas in the burner of the reformer heater 102 becomes unstable.